

# Newsletter to Parents

## SINGLETON PUBLIC SCHOOL



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Week 3 Term 3

QUALITY RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY

8 AUGUST 2018

### BECAUSE OF HER WE CAN

NAIDOC Celebrations at SPS were fantastic. Students enjoyed performances from Uncle Perry and participated in a full day of activities ranging from storytelling, art projects, rope making and postcards to important woman in their lives. Our whole school assembly featured special guests and talented artists from Singleton High School, who talked with students about their AFL Jersey for the Singleton Roosters.

Ms Deanne Brown  
Principal



### Calendar of Events

<b>Monday 6 August - Friday 10 August</b>	Education Week
<b>Thursday 9 August</b>	Book Fair and Parade School Open Day - Parade starting 10.00 am under the Cola
<b>Monday 13 August</b>	Kindergarten 2019 Information Evening starting at 6.00 pm in the Kindergarten rooms
<b>Tuesday 14 August</b>	ICAS - Mathematics Test
<b>Wednesday 15 August</b>	PSSA Zone Athletics at Alroy Oval starting at 9.00 am sharp
<b>Friday 17 August</b>	St Caths Netball Gala Day at Rose Point Park Final Payment due for Year 4 Sydney excursion
<b>Monday 20 August</b>	Chess teams - All Saints hall 9.00 am - 2.30 pm Kinder to Town Library 11.30 - 12.30 pm
<b>Tuesday 21 August</b>	5K and 5S to Town Library 1.30 - 2.30 pm
<b>Tuesday 28 August</b>	Year 4 Sydney Excursion Kirkland Cup
<b>Wednesday 29 August</b>	Year 4 Sydney Excursion Year 6 to Town Library 11.30 - 12.30 pm
<b>Thursday 30 August</b>	Year 4 Sydney Excursion Public Speaking Competition
<b>Friday 31 August</b>	Father's Day Breakfast at SPS starting 7.00 am

**There will no assembly this week due to Education Week.**

**The Week 4 assembly will be hosted by KS at the starting time of 12.45 pm.**



## Education Week

Congratulations to the following recipients that received awards at the Singleton Learning Community Education Week awards last night held at the Civic Centre.

Miss Edgar for Excellence in Teaching

Miss Parker for Excellence in Outstanding Achievement in Aboriginal Education

Kaitlin for Excellence in Student Achievement

Harry for Excellence in Student Achievement

Mrs Smith for Excellence in Outstanding Contributions by a Non-Teaching Member

Mrs Foster for Excellence in Outstanding Contribution by a School Community Member

Mrs Black for Excellence in School Achievement Awards (including outstanding programs or initiatives)

Mr Garry Kirchen our wonderful GA who also works at Milbrodale PS received an award for Outstanding Contributions by a Non-Teaching Member.



## Public Speaking Competition

During Term 2 we held our annual public speaking competition with two students selected from each class to compete. Ms Brown and Mr John Quinn adjudicated. The competition was capably run by our chairpersons Jake, Jacob and Jasmine. The results are as follows:

### Kindergarten

Highly Commended: Max Layla Andrew Ivy Ruby Bronte Asha Charlie Lara

### Stage 1

1st Cailin

2nd Zahra

Highly Commended: Hamish Carson Macey

### Stage 2

1st Mitchell

2nd Sanjay

Highly Commended: Lily Hudson Abby

### Stage 3

1st Hamish

2nd Erin

Highly Commended: Lachlan Phoebe Nicholas

## Stage 1 Hunter Valley Zoo Excursion

As part of the Stage One current Science unit, Living Things, Stage One students will visit the Hunter Valley Zoo on Monday, 10 September 2018. Students and teachers will travel to and from the Zoo by bus.

Children must be at school by 8.30 am as buses will leave school at 9.00 am SHARP and will return to school by 3.10 pm. The cost will be \$24.00 per student. Permission notes and money must be sent to the office no later than 12:30 pm Friday, 7 September 2018. Due to the large number of zoo staff and SPS staff, parent helpers won't be required on this excursion.

Children will need their sports uniform, shoes (joggers), hat and sunscreen, recess, lunch and their drink bottle.

Please ensure you have returned your child's Medical Information Sheet that was sent home earlier this year. If you require another sheet, please notify your teacher.

Stage 1 Teachers

**Good for Kids** good for life**SANDWICH ALTERNATIVES IN THE LUNCHBOX**

Sandwiches are a great addition to an everyday lunchbox but if you feel like branching out here are some other great ideas:

- Vegetable fried rice,
- Pasta salad,
- Zucchini slice,
- Savoury muffins packed with vegetables,
- Chicken and vegetable rice paper rolls,
- Vegetable sushi rolls.

For more great ideas visit the Cancer Council's Healthy Lunch Box website: <https://healthylunchbox.com.au/>



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**Canteen Roster - Week 4 , Term 3 2018**

Mon 13/8/18	Di Cooke, Monica Louw, Gabby Cooper
Tues 14/8/18	Elissa Tanner, Monica Louw
Wed 15/8/18	Cara Roohan, Melanie Drew, Lisa Delaney
Thurs 16/8/18	Melissa Wilson, Judi Wyllie, 1 more helper please
Fri 17/8/18	Rachel Bourke, Holly Cameron, one more helper please

**Canteen Roster - Week 5, Term 3 2018**

Mon 20/8/18	Di Cooke, Allison Hodge, Rebecca Beattie
Tues 21/8/18	Lisa Mortensen
Wed 22/8/18	Cara Roohan, Monica Louw
Thurs 23/8/18	Kylie Broadbent, Nicole and Todd Furness
Fri 24/8/18	Maxine Kolinos, Sandy Tickell, Tracey Adams

Please advise the Canteen if you have any changes to your rostered day.

**Positive Behaviour for Learning – PBL Post-It**

Every fortnight our school focuses upon a new behaviour to reinforce our school values of RESPECT – RESPONSIBILITY – QUALITY. All classes engage in small discussions about the various behaviours and students are rewarded for acting in an appropriate manner. This fortnight's focus is:-

**“ Showing consideration to others ”**

**Parent Online Payment Advice - send to school office**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Description of Payment: \_\_\_\_\_

Online Payment Receipt number: \_\_\_\_\_

Where applicable, please ensure that you also send the permission note back to the class teacher.

**Singleton Pubic School Details**

Phone	02 6571 2250
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Principal	Deanne Brown
AP ES1	Christine Launders
AP Stage 1	Samuel Johnson (Relieving)
AP Stage 2	Sharmyn Zeidler (Relieving)
AP Stage 3	Katrina Hackett
P&C Meetings	First Wednesday of the Month

**Bell Times**

8.40 am	Play
9.10 am	Morning Muster - class time
11.10 am	Eating time
11.20 am	Lunch 1
11.40 am	Lunch 2
12.00 pm	Middle session
1.30 pm	Recess
2.00 pm	Afternoon session
3.10 pm	Home



## Riverside Orchestra and Jazz Band

On Thursday, 26 July Riverside Girls High School visited with their orchestra and jazz ensemble to perform for students and staff. The performance by the jazz ensemble was fantastic with songs such as 'Puttin' on the Ritz'. The Orchestra consisted of 39 students ranging from Year 7 to Year 12, including the students who performed in the jazz ensemble. They performed pieces such as Pirates of the Caribbean, The Game of Thrones theme and Sesame Street to name a few. The performances were amazing and entertained everyone highlighting all the hard work undertaken by the students in the orchestra.



## DUGS Day

Dads, uncles, grandads, step dad or significant males (DUGS) day will be celebrated on Friday, 31 August. There will be a Father's Day breakfast starting 7.00 am. Also during this day we will be raising money and donations for our local farmers. We are looking for donations such as household goods, toiletries, gift vouchers and non-perishable items. All donated items can be left at Mrs B's room (4/5R classroom). The children can dress up as a farmer to show our support for a gold coin donation on this day. We will also be selling Dad portraits for \$1.00 each.

## Staff Change 5K Term 3 and 4 2018

Mrs Kelli Shaunessy has extended her leave for the remainder of 2018. Mrs Rebecca Street will be teaching 5K during this time. We welcome Mrs Street to 5K and look forward to watching them continue to strive and learn.

## Statement of Accounts

Statement of Accounts were sent home in week one. Items that may be listed on the Statement of Account include voluntary School Contributions and voluntary P&C Levy, athletics carnival, Year 4 Sydney excursion, instrument hire, etc. The final amount for the Year 3 and Year 4 excursion has now been finalised.

## Year 3 Outdoor Education Experience Excursion - Final Cost

The final cost for the Year 3 Outdoor Education Experience Excursion has now been calculated. The final cost of the excursion is \$195.00 minus the \$50.00 deposit. All outstanding payments of **\$145.00** must be paid to the office by 12.30 pm on **Wednesday, 12 September 2018**.

## Year 4 Sydney Excursion - Final Cost

The final cost for the Year 4 Sydney Excursion has now been calculated. The final cost of the excursion is \$320.00 minus the \$50.00 deposit. All outstanding payments of **\$270.00** must be paid to the office by 12.30 pm on **Friday, 17 August 2018**.

## Book Week News

Book Week is fast approaching. The school will be holding the annual Book Fair and Parade during our Open Day celebrations in Education Week. The Fair will be held tomorrow Thursday, 9 August where many beautiful books will be available for purchase at the library. Our provider will Scholastic. Purchases can be made using cash or Eftpos will be available on the day. The theme is Find Your Treasure. The Library will be open for purchases from 8.30 am to 9.45 am the 11.00 am to 3.00 pm.

## School Facebook Page

Our school has launched the Singleton Public School Facebook page. The aim of our Facebook page will be to acknowledge the positive efforts and work of individual children, staff and our community. Our page will reflect these amazing achievements and fantastic whole school events. It will be used to complement the school website and app as well as to communicate information to our school community. We will continue to distribute notes for school events and produce a fortnightly newsletter. The aim will be to offer day to day information and to showcase learning, events and excursions at the school. The Facebook Page will be created in line with the Department of Education's Social Media Policy. Posts will include photos of students, staff and our school community involved in different activities in the classrooms and around the school, excursions and events as well as upcoming events.

We have utilised the Department of Education guidelines to ensure our Facebook page is secure. Students will not be identified by full name on Facebook. Students will not be allowed to make comments on Facebook. The school asks that visitors to the page making comments show respect for other users by ensuring discussions remain civil. Personal attacks, trolling or spam will not be tolerated. The school will reserve the right to remove comments that do not adhere to the rules of engagement of the page and Facebook's standards. Rules of engagement and code of conduct will be pinned to the top of our Facebook page.

We understand that not everyone is on Facebook, we hope our Facebook page will be a valuable means of communicating school success with the community. Permission to Publish was gained or denied on your child's enrolment form at the time of enrolment by Parents / Carers. If you would like to change the Permission to Publish of your child, please contact the school office to make arrangements for the form to be printed, changed and re-signed. We are respectful and appreciative that there may be reasons parents do not wish for their child to be published. We have a very small percentage of students with no permission to publish, and if parents would like to change this permission, a new form will need to be completed and signed. Last week the school sent home new Permission to Publish forms to any families that have either not advised the school of their child's permission to publish status or the permission to publish for the child is no. If you received one of these notes, please return it to the office as soon as possible.

## Class Donations for Fete

- KDM are after donations of Lemons, Oranges, Mandarins and small jars. Donations can be left at the KDM classroom.
- 1S are after donations of any unwanted/pre loved items for their Trash and Treasure. Please do not send in any electrical goods.
- Year 6 are in need of second hand kids clothing for their fete stall. Donations of any clothing that your child may have grown out of are appreciated, however they are being very particular about the clothes they sell and would only like good quality items. Please donate going out wear – not house wear/old clothes.
- Support Unit Monster Fete Raffle. Staff and students from the Support Unit require your assistance with the donation of prize(s) towards our stall. They greatly appreciate your support and if you know of any local businesses who would like to contribute towards our stall, please pass on the information. Some examples of prizes needed include: - Toys, vouchers, anything for children, candles, movie tickets, Big w/Coles/Woolworth/Bunnings -vouchers
- KL, 2J, 2PD are running a cake stall. They are after donations of homemade cakes and sweets. Please label all ingredients on packaging and refrain from using nuts.
- KS are running a handicraft and gift basket stall. They are after donations of handicraft eg: peg dolls, finger puppets, sock puppets, gift tags, bookmarks, paper windmills, handmade cards, knitted items, handmade soaps and candles, bangles and necklaces, earrings, Christmas decorations, hand towels and knitted coat hangers. A major hit at the fete is slime and putty.
- 4/5R are running a bottle stall (similar to Tombola). They are asking for donations of jars filled with new items as prizes.

## Girl Talk 2018

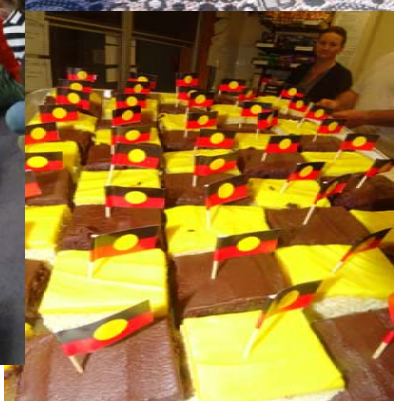
GIRL Talk ©. is a relatively new program developed by Community Health Initiatives and is presented by Susie Blackwood, registered nurse - midwife. This program provides an excellent opportunity for the students to ask questions and to discuss these sensitive topics in a safe environment. Susie has been invited to present to Year 4 girls in Term Three on Tuesday, 4 September 2018. If you are interested in your child participating in the session, please complete a permission slip and make payment to the front office by Monday, 3 September 2018.

## Hunter Life Van

In 2019, SPS will have Healthy Harold and the Hunter Life Education visiting our school to deliver Life Education classes to our children. A big thank you to Singleton Diggers for supporting the funding of these classes. Life Education supports us by empowering Hunter young people to make safer and healthier choices through education.



## NAIDOC Day





## Jerry's PLAINS Fair & Car Boot Sale

Saturday, 15th September 2018

**Book your stall NOW!**  
only \$10 per site

Call Maureen after 6pm on 0413 318 666

## GIVING BLOOD FEELS GOOD

Every donation can save three lives.

### Mobile Blood Service visiting:

## Singleton

Singleton Square, 1 Gowrie Street

#### Whole Blood and Plasma

Monday 27 August	9.30am – 3.00pm
Tuesday 28 August	1.00pm – 6.30pm
Wednesday 29 August	1.00pm – 6.30pm
Thursday 30 August	1.00pm – 6.30pm
Friday 31 August	9.30am – 3.00pm

**Drink up!** Have 3 or 4 glasses of water or juice in the hours before you donate  
**Eat!** Have a good sized breakfast or lunch  
**Please bring photo I.D. with you**

To make an appointment call 13 14 95  
or visit [donateblood.com.au](http://donateblood.com.au)



### Singleton Netball – Summer NetSetGo Clinic

Boys & Girls aged between 5 & 10 are invited to attend our Summer clinic to be held on Monday evenings from 5pm until 5.45pm from 15<sup>th</sup> October through to 17<sup>th</sup> December.

We will have 3 age groups – activities will be tailored to the skill level of the attendees!

- 5 & 6 year olds - skill based activities only
- 7 & 8 year olds - skill based activities, with a game to follow at 6pm\*
- 9 & 10 year olds - skill based activities, with a game to follow at 6pm\*

\*\* We will put the attendees into teams for the duration of the program

Cost - Participants NOT already registered in 2018 will need to register online. The cost will be \$80, included in this cost is a NetSetGo pack sent out by Netball NSW. The cost will be \$20 for registered members.

Numbers are strictly limited to ensure quality time with each of the coaches.

Players already registered in 2018 are requested to register on 11<sup>th</sup> August at Saturday Netball. Registrations will also be accepted on 10<sup>th</sup> September from 5.30-6.30pm at the Clubhouse.

New players in 2018 will need to register online, registrations will be open from September. Please visit [www.singletonnetball.com](http://www.singletonnetball.com) for further information.

\*\* Registered coaches are also welcome to attend this clinic and learn some new coaching strategies, please email us at [singletonnetball@hotmail.com](mailto:singletonnetball@hotmail.com) if you would like to register your interest \*\*

## Singleton Youth Venue

Tuesday to Friday 2.30-6pm

Drop In Programs for Term 3

A safe place for young people to relax, hang out and have fun after school.

#### Tuesdays

Games Day  
3.30 - 6pm  
Board games and  
Dungeons & Dragons

#### Wednesdays

Creative Art Workshops  
4 - 5pm  
Ages 8+

#### Thursdays

Movie Club  
4 - 6pm  
Film screenings

#### Fridays

Dodgeball  
4- 5pm  
Coding Workshop  
5 - 6pm

## LEARNING PATHWAYS



### CERTIFICATE II IN SKILLS FOR WORK AND VOCATIONAL PATHWAYS

Enrolling at TAFE NSW - Singleton campus NOW!

This is a fully subsidised NSW Government Smart & Skilled initiative for \*eligible women who want to get ready to return to the workforce or further training.

You will learn how to:

- enhance career opportunities and employment pathways
- improve technology skills
- develop communication and job seeking skills for accessing and maintaining employment
- gain confidence

To find out more, call 131 225 or visit [www.hunter.tafensw.edu.au](http://www.hunter.tafensw.edu.au) or our Customer Service Centre at our TAFE NSW York Street, Singleton campus

\*To be eligible, you need to be 15 or over, have left school, live and work in NSW, and be an Australian citizen, permanent resident or humanitarian visa holder

## COURSES AND CAREERS



Singleton Youth Venue | 5 Pitt Street Singleton  
T 02 6578 7501 | [youthvenue@singleton.nsw.gov.au](mailto:youthvenue@singleton.nsw.gov.au)

## School Captains and Leaders, House Captains and School Council Photos

Sample photos of the 2018 School Captains and Leaders, House Captains, Year 6 photo and School Council are now available to view below or at the school office. A personalised order sheet with further details has been sent home with the children who had their photos taken in these groups. **Please do not misplace this form.**

Should you wish to place an order, please complete the personalised form from MSP Photography. Payment can be made online only with the provided shoot key number. Payments and orders need to be placed by Thursday, 16 August 2018. **PLEASE DO NOT USE THE PARENT ONLINE PAYMENT SYSTEM FOR THE PHOTOS.**








**NOW** is a great time to **START SCOUTING** in 2018

Singleton Scouts welcomes BOYS & Girls aged 5 through to 18

At Scouts you can **MAKE FRIENDS** **Go Camping** **Gain Confidence**  
**Build Resilience** **Hit Targets** **Play Games** **Laugh Loud**  
**Earn Badges** **WORK TOGETHER** **Have Fun**  
**GO KAYAKING** **EXPLORE SCIENCE** **Help our Community**

Learn to Problem solve

At Scouts Australia NSW, we put the needs of young people first. Our youth led, adult supported approach ensures our youth members are always at the forefront of our program and gives them the platform to take a constructive place in society as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and global communities. If you think this might be for you please come along to join the fun.

Joeys (\*5yo to 8yo) Monday 5.30pm - 6.30pm. Cubs (8yo - 11yo) Thursday 6pm - 7.30pm.  
 Scouts (11yo - 14yo) Wednesday 6pm - 8pm. Ventures (14yo - 18yo)

**\*5 year olds must be enrolled in primary school**

If you would like any more information on Singleton Scouts please contact Kevin Morgan  
 0438618666 email: kbmorgan64@gmail.com






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## Annual Athletics Carnival

What a fabulous day we had for our school athletics carnival on Friday, 27 July. The sun shone, the wind behaved and the children competed all day with energy and enthusiasm. A huge thank you to the staff members who worked hard scoring, judging, raking and calculating to determine place getters in all our events. Abundant accolades to our parent community who capably stepped forward to assist with the myriad of jobs that a carnival provides. These days cannot be completed without everyone lending a hand. The results are listed in this newsletter.



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### KS News

If you were driving along Elizabeth Street recently, you could have been mistaken in thinking that the school was built on unstable land. KS have been learning about volcanoes during literacy sessions and, using items found in their kitchens, made volcanoes in the playground. Using plastic cups, vinegar, bicarbonate of soda and food colouring, everyone made amazing creations that erupted colourful lava. Amongst the squeals of delight, all agreed that it was a great experience.

Mrs Scoles



## Singleton Public School Student Profile



Respect | Responsibility | Quality

The school is introducing two student leaders each week so that the school community get to know who they are. This week we are introducing:-

Name: Charlie

Role: Kendall House Captain

Class: 6D

Favourite Subject: Maths

Favourite Colour: Yellow

Best thing about school:

The playground equipment.



What I like about SPS:

The teachers and kids.

Name: Jordan

Role: Kendall House Captain

Class: 6D

Favourite Subject: Art

Favourite Colour: Aqua

Best thing about school:

Sport and being with your friends.



What I like about SPS:

It's a great school and it has the best teachers.

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Name: Jack

Role: Kendall Vice Captain

Class: 6M

Favourite Subject: Science

Favourite Colour: Red

Best thing about school:

Is the friends and the best staff ever.



What I like about SPS:

I like the excursions that we get to go to.

Name: Madison

Role: Kendall Vice Captain

Class: 6D

Favourite Subject: English/Art

Favourite Colour: Green

Best thing about school:

The fun subjects and the nice teachers.



What I like about SPS:

All the nice, amazing and good teachers, the nice students and being with friends.

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10am - 2pm

# The Family Fun Fete

7<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Cake Stall and  
Crafts

Monster  
Raffle

Show Bags

Fairy Floss  
and Snow  
Cones

Nail  
Painting  
Face  
Painting

Side Show  
Alley  
Games and  
fun for  
everyone

Trash  
and  
Treasure

Gourmet  
Food and  
Sausage  
Sizzle

Second Chance  
Clothing  
Boutique



# NAIDOC Day 2018

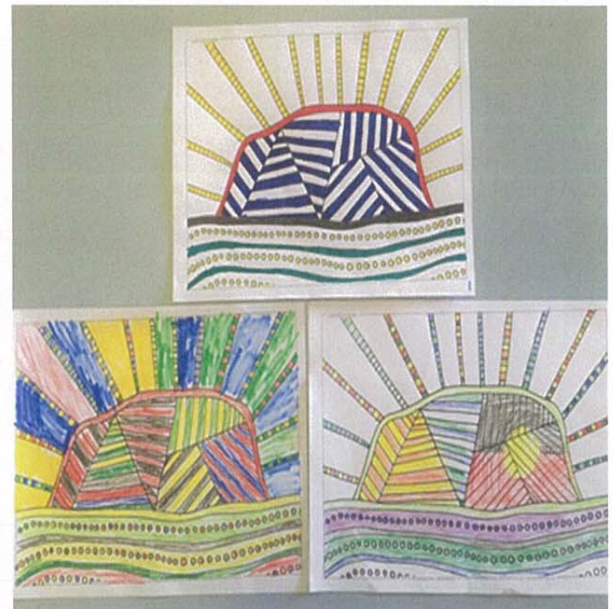
By 2J



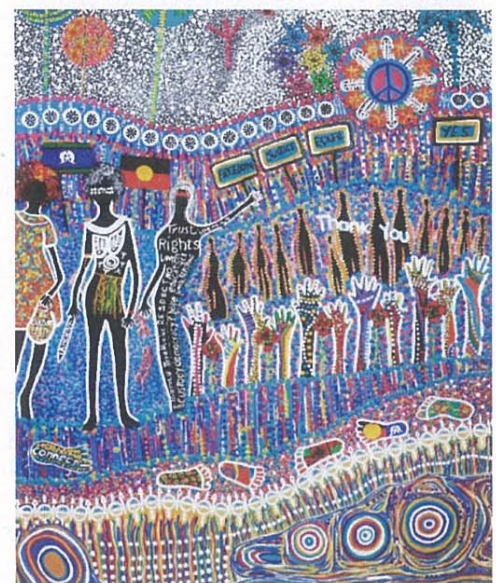
2J enjoying rope making on NAIDOC day,  
2018



#### Uluru Artwork



2J learning about the different types of plants from the environment that can make rope.



**NAIDOC Week 2018**  
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